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## Federal Aid Assured For Repair of Dikes

### Coolidge Approves Part of Hoover's Plans for Flood Districts.

Rapid City, S. D.—The federal treasury will be opened by President Coolidge for funds to repair the broken dikes of the Mississippi river, but he has reached no decision on any other recommendation of Secretary Hoover, to have the government help meet interest and amortization charges on levee bonds in the devastated area.

Immediate federal aid in Mississippi river flood relief was urged upon President Coolidge by Secretary Hoover, who has supervised rescue and rehabilitation work in the devastated area.

Hoover told the president that state legislatures are unable to raise sufficient funds to carry on the imperative work of closing the levees. Furthermore, he said, local communities cannot meet the burden of taxes falling due on the levee bonds, because it has been possible only to replant about 2,000,000 of the 3,000,500 acres covered by the flood to crops this year.

Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, chairman of the senate finance committee, who was a guest at the summer White House, reiterated his belief that a special session would be called.

It was stated at the executive office that the president has reached no conclusion on the question of convening congress in special session a month or six weeks ahead of the regular meeting in December to consider flood relief and control measures.

## SPENCER WILL HEAD WASHINGTON STATE U.

Seattle, Wash.—The election of M. Lytle Spencer as president of the University of Washington was announced by Dr. A. H. B. Jordan, president of the board of regents.

Spencer succeeds Dr. Henry Suzzallo, who was removed from office late last year by Governor Roland H. Hartley.

In announcing the selection of Dr. Spencer, the regents said that his salary would be \$12,000 a year. Dr. Suzzallo received \$18,000.

Spencer was educated in Kentucky, and worked on Wisconsin newspapers. He came to Seattle in 1919 to become director of the journalism school.

Upon leaving the University in May of last year Dr. Spencer devoted his time to literary work and to his duties as vice-president of the Seattle chamber of commerce. He retired from the latter position last fall.

The new president, who is 46 years old, was born in Batesville, Miss. He obtained academic degrees from Northwestern university, the University of Chicago and Kentucky Wesleyan college.

## U. S. RELINQUISHES AIR MAIL

Western Route Passes to Boeing Airplane Company.

Washington, D. C.—The postoffice department's notable contribution to flying, the western half of the transcontinental air mail from Chicago to San Francisco, over which pilots daily fly over the Rocky mountains, has been turned over to private operation after nearly seven years of government service.

The relinquishment of the service to the Boeing Airplane company of Seattle, Wash., June 30, marked the first step in the consummation of the department's plan to place its transcontinental air mail in the hands of private commercial aviation companies. The eastern division of the air mail from Chicago to New York will be turned over to the National Air Transport, Inc., of Chicago on July 31.

The Boeing company is operating a fleet of 21 planes of its own make, sufficient to transport two passengers, and the mail cargo.

Oregon's Oldest Lawmaker Dies.

Salem, Or.—Alex M. Lafollett, until the last general election the oldest member of the Oregon legislature both with relation to age and length of service, died at his home here Monday. He was 83 years of age and had been in ill health for several months.

## Carl Sheard's Sedan Used by Joyriders

Marion Harrington, harvest field worker, is in jail at Pendleton, facing the charge of taking and using an automobile without the consent of the owner.

It is alleged that Harrington took the Sheard car Saturday night from its garage and went spinning on a joy ride. The car, a Buick sedan was found Sunday morning ditched on the road leading west from Athena, with the generator damaged.

It is said that three others went with Harrington on the ride after he had procured the car, but officers do not connect them with the act of taking the machine from the garage.

A package of laundry found in the deserted car gave the officers a clue, which followed up led to the arrest of Harrington by the sheriff's office, at Reith, and the charge against him was filed in the justice court at Pendleton.

## Ship 207 Cars of Onions To Make Record

The Walla Walla Union reports that two hundred and seven cars of onions, or approximately 90 per cent of all those shipped from Walla Walla, were sent out with U. S. certificates last week according to figures given out by Wayne B. Garrett, district horticultural inspector. This was an average of 34 1/2 cars a day for each of the six days of last week.

The best previous record for any one day was 28 cars in the season of 1926. Mr. Garrett stated that "shippers are becoming convinced rapidly that the safest and cheapest way to ship onions is with the federal certificate."

Shipments for last week were as follows:

Monday, 27 cars; Tuesday, 40 cars; Wednesday, 33 cars; Thursday, 37 cars; Friday, 34 cars; Saturday, 36 cars; total for the week, 207 cars.

## Zerba to Waitsburg

A change affecting the accountants of the Preston-Shaffer Milling company takes Ernest Zerba head bookkeeper in the Athena mill to Waitsburg, where he is advanced a position that gives him supervision of the entire accounting system of the company. Mr. Zerba's place vacated at the Athena mill, is taken by Fred Kershaw, who had recently re-entered the employ of the company, and Clarence Zerba, another old-time employ returns to take the place of Victor Hirsch, who has been transferred to the mill at Freewater. Mr. and Mrs. Zerba will leave at once to make their home in Waitsburg.

## Horace Stillman Passes

Horace J. Stillman, well known in Athena, was found dead in his automobile at Pendleton, Thursday of last week. He had been attending an exhibition shoot and after the exhibition was over got into his car. Two hours afterward, his car being noticed on the shooting field, investigation revealed him dead at the wheel. Neuralgia of the heart was the cause of death. Mr. Stillman will be remembered as one of the leading sportsmen of the county of the old school.

## Berry Pickers Meet

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Turner and Mrs. Eula Gillett and son Elton of Halfway, picked huckleberries on Boulder creek near Cornucopia. They encountered bears in the huckleberry patch and a deer near by. No alarm was felt as the bear and the party were on a similar mission and there was plenty of berries for all.

## The Hot Wave

Saturday, Sunday and Monday Athena sweltered in the hot wave which hovered over the Pacific Northwest. Thermometer readings ranged from 94 to 98 in the shade. The hot weather came at an opportune time to ripen the grain for harvest.

## Mias Arlene Myrick who spent a couple of week's with her aunt Mrs. Dora Anderson near Helix, returned home Sunday.

## Backs Defeat Bend

Pendleton Buckaroos, winners of the Blue Mountain league base ball pennant, defeated Bend, of the Mid-Columbia league, 6-5. The game was played at Bend Saturday afternoon. Hatrop and Bettles pitched for Pendleton.

## Killed a Rattler

Ralph McEwen killed an immense rattlesnake on Pine Creek Saturday night. The reptile was about five feet long, as large around as a man's wrist, and had eleven rattles and a button.

## Local Legionnaire Delegate to Paris

### C. L. McFadden of Athena-Weston Post, Honored at La Grande.

C. L. McFadden, commander of Athena-Weston American Legion Post, who with Mrs. McFadden and his father-in-law, John Banister, has been making preparations to attend the National convention of the Legion at Paris in September, was signally honored at the state convention, held in La Grande last week, when he was elected as one of the delegates to Paris to represent District No. 2.

The 1928 American Legion state convention was awarded to Portland Oregon, and George E. Love of Eugene was unanimously elected department commander of Oregon in the closing session of the convention at La Grande.

Other legion officers elected were: Vice-commander, Earl McSheary, McMinnville; finance officer, Thomas Stokin, Portland; chaplain, Dr. Schuyler Part, Hood River; national executive committee member for two years, Vic McKenzie, Salem.

New legion auxiliary officers for the coming year are: Department president, Mrs. Rose Wileax, Antelope; secretary, Mrs. Mabel McInturff, Marshfield (re-elected); vice-president, Mrs. Jessie Kelly, Baker; historian, Mrs. Cleland, Salem; district committee women, Mrs. Verona Nelson, Newberg; Mrs. Bell Sheagley, Hermiston, and Mrs. Nell Coats, Albany.

Legion delegates to Paris divided by districts, follow: No. 1, Ben S. Dorris, Eugene; Weir McDonald, Medford; A. W. Heider, Sheridan; Soren Sorenson, Amity; Neif Moffitt, Astoria. No. 2, C. L. McFadden, Athena; E. W. Snell, Arlington; Charles E. Dillman, Burns; Ray W. Johnson, Wallawa. No. 3, Jerry Owen, Claude Bristol and Joseph Deboest, all of Portland.

Attendance at the mammoth parade included nearly 5000 out of town visitors and delegates. Nearby towns and cities added to the nearly 3000 conventionists.

The parade, featuring drum corps, floats, etc., was declared the greatest in Oregon Legion history.

The final entertainment features Saturday night were the public wedding of Albert Lamb and Blanche Rice, both of La Grande. A pyrotechnic drama, "Memories of the Old Oregon Trail," and dancing. And on every hand joyous legionnaires declared the "Battle of '27" was the best ever.

The drum corps contest was won by Salem, with Bend second and Portland third. Other corps participating were those of Eugene, Hoop River, Cottage Grove, Medford, Coos Bay, Pendleton and McMinnville, ranking in order. H. M. Elder of Bend won the prize as the best drummer.

## MRS. M. A. WATERHOUSE



Mrs. Mary A. Waterhouse, one hundred two years old, is the oldest woman in the state of Maine and one of the oldest in the land. She is very active, keen-witted, does chores about the house and other things to show she is far from being "old." She was born in Saco, Maine, April 10, 1825, and is now living with her adopted son and his family at Scarborough. That town gave her one hundred dollars in gold on her one hundredth birthday.

## Mrs. Margaret Winship Dies After a Long Illness

Mrs. Margaret Winship, wife of William Winship, former resident of Athena, died Friday at her home in Salem, after an illness which extended over a period of several years.

Mrs. Winship was born near Walla Walla, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, pioneers of the Walla Walla valley. She was married to William Winship while residing in this city, and several years ago moved to Salem to live.

She is survived by her husband, three daughters and two step-sons. The daughters are Mrs. D. B. Jarman and Mrs. Paul Clayton of Salem, Oregon; Miss Audrey Winship of Salem. The step-sons are Dick Winship of Salem and George Winship of Union.

The funeral services were held at Salem Monday. Mrs. Gholson of this city, sister of Mr. Winship, and Mrs. Sam Haworth of Pendleton, sister of Mrs. Winship, left for Salem Saturday evening.

## Collided Without Damage

A big blue sedan came shooting through the intersection at Third and Main, shortly after noon Wednesday and bumped a Ford coming down Main. Effective brakes on the sedan saved disaster to the Ford, and probable injury to the two tourists man and wife. Speed was the cause of the near wreck, but fortunately neither machine was damaged. The Ford proceeded on its way toward Pendleton and the sedan, in which four women were riding went Walla Wallaward.

## Emil Dohert, for many years head chef at Hotel Pendleton, died at his home in Pendleton Tuesday, after a weeks illness from congestion of the lungs.

## Harvest Notes

Jesse Myrick finished harvesting his crop on the McArthur place south of town Sunday, and realized an excellent yield, his grain making an average of a little better than fifty eight bushels to the acre. He has moved his threshing outfit to Myrick station.

Some wheat has been sold in the local market, but the amount in no way compares with sales reported in other places in the county. This is perhaps due to the fact that Athena harvest is but well under way, and farmers are giving strict attention to garnering their crops.

Tucker Brothers of Weston, who purchased an International harvester from Rogers & Goodman in Athena, are harvesting the Henry Keen crop, west of town. The crew take their meals at Kilgore's Cafe, using automobile transportation between town and field.

Every machine in the district is at work, with harvest hands plentiful, and ideal weather conditions.

The hot weather during the fore part of the week was hard on stock. However, care was exercised by machine drivers, and but little serious injury to horses and mules resulted from the heat.

A considerable amount of bulk grain has been received in Athena. But small parcels of sacked grain have as yet been started from the fields. The sacked grain now being received at the warehouse comes by truck, and after next week, the fours, sixes and eights will begin dragging in the heavily loaded wagons and trailers.

## Present Wheat Crop Exceeds Expectations

### Light Soil Produces Well—50—Bushel Yields Thereabouts.

Harvest is far enough along to show that one of the biggest yields of wheat ever produced in this district is to be recorded in Oregon's 1927 crop statistics.

The farms in the light soil districts are producing around 30 bushels per acre, and the grain is testing well, showing it to be of good quality. The season was propitious in almost perfect conditions for crop-growing on light soil. Early seeding last fall, with ample winter, spring and early summer moisture and prevalence of cool weather, permitted the grain to grow and mature without hindrance.

On the heavy soil farms of the Athena-Adams-Weston districts the yield of Federation is eclipsing that of last season, and the quality as a rule tests satisfactorily. There is a marked absence of smut in the wheat this year.

From reports received, the wheat around Athena in the main, appears to be averaging better than 45 bushels per acre, with frequent reports of fields going 50 bushels and better. One of the latter is the McArthur place just southwest of town, farmed by Jesse Myrick, where 58 bushels is reported.

## New Crossing Whistles

One of the locomotives pulling the Pendleton-Spokane passenger train is equipped with one of the new crossing alarm sirens. The new siren is being placed on all Union Pacific locomotives, and is operated by the engineer independent of the regular whistle.

## Dorothea Gibson Married

Athena friends have received the announcement of the marriage of Miss Dorothea Gibson, who formerly resided at Athena, to Mr. F. J. Cooper, at Williams, California, June 27. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper will reside at Williams.

## Medicine's Early Days

It takes little to make history. Until the time of Bressot, a French physician of the latter part of the Fifteenth century, it was the practice for surgeons to bleed their patients on the opposite side of the body on which the soreness was felt. Bressot, however, expounded a theory of bleeding close to the seat of the hurt, and so rabid became the discussion among the learned men of the period that Bressot was banished from the empire by Charles V. But not for long, for upon the death of one of the emperor's relatives who had been treated according to the old theory, he recalled Bressot and his theory for some time carried weight.

## Within Reach of All

The negro parson was giving his customary Sunday sermon, but, much to the bewilderment of the church members, he included many high-sounding phrases and long words which he had picked up at a very erudite lecture the night before. Apparently it didn't seem to be going over very well.

Noting his wasted efforts at intellectuality, he resumed the discourse in his usual simple language, whereupon a voice from the rear commented approvingly: "Thatta boy, pabson, put the cookies on the lowah shelf."—Christian Science Monitor.

## Charity Needed

Every little while I discover some new terrible thing the men do to the women. The other day I heard a woman telling of the suffering wives endure from being compelled to listen to their husband's old jokes. It is one of the real burdens of women. I made no reply, but in looking for excuses all I could think of was this: Does it ever occur to women that they are as tiresome to men as men are to women? My general conclusion is we should be more charitable with each other, and talk less.

## Death Claims Another from Ranks of Pioneers

Death claimed another of its victims from the ranks of pioneers of the Northwest, when it took Mrs. Leonora Gaylord Hunt at her home in Portland Monday.

Mrs. Hunt was born at Magnolia, Illinois, August 9, 1849. In 1853 she was brought to Oregon City by ox team in company with her parents. In 1866 she was married to George W. Hunt at Bluff Ferry, Idaho. After her marriage she lived successively in Payette, Walla Walla and Portland.

Mr. Hunt was considered one of the builders of Portland and is also credited with having been the main factor in building the railroad from Pasco to Walla Walla and the "Runt Line" to Athena, now owned by the Northern Pacific line.

Surviving Mrs. Hunt are her sons: Charles W. Hunt of Roseburg, Oregon; Clyde C. Hunt of Nyssa, Oregon; Guy L. Hunt of Portland, a daughter Lillie M. Latourette of Portland and two brothers, Edwin B. Gaylord and Clarence E. Gaylord, both of Halfway, Oregon.

## Kyne's "California" and "Subway Sadie"

Peter B. Kyne's "California," featuring big Tim McCoy and Dorothy Sebastian will be presented at the Standard Theatre tomorrow night. "California" is one of Kyne's best Western stories, and McCoy has been given a sterling cast in putting it on the screen.

Sunday night First National has listed "Subway Sadie," a sparkling, clever comedy as the feature of the Standard program for that night. Dorothy MacKail and handsome Jack Mulhall are cast in the leading parts.

The Standard has booked a one-reel feature of Lindbergh's flight for Saturday evening, August 6th. Opening the season of mid-week special feature picture showings, "Rookies" has been selected for the opening night, Wednesday, September 7.

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## WISCONSIN BEER BILL VETOED BY GOVERNOR

Madison, Wis.—Governor Fred R. Zimmerman vetoed the Duncan bill to repeal all penalties under the state dry act as far as a 2.75 per cent beer is concerned. Assemblyman Thomas Duncan, Milwaukee wet leader and author of the bill, promptly declared the veto made the executive one of the outstanding prohibitionists of the country.

Senator P. J. Severson, Iola, Wis., dry leader, claimed, on the other hand, that the governor could do nothing but veto a bill of such nature.

The governor vetoed the bill on the ground that it would permit the manufacture and sale of beer without restrictions or regulations or sanitary requirements. He also contended it would be in the nature of secession from the Union and that it would mislead many people into the belief that beer making was legal when it was still forbidden by the Volstead act.

## LOVE HEADS LEGION

Eugene Man Elected State Commander and Portland Gets 1928 Meet.

La Grande, Or.—The 1928 American Legion state convention was awarded to Portland, Or., and George E. Love of Eugene was unanimously elected department commander of Oregon in the closing session of the organization.

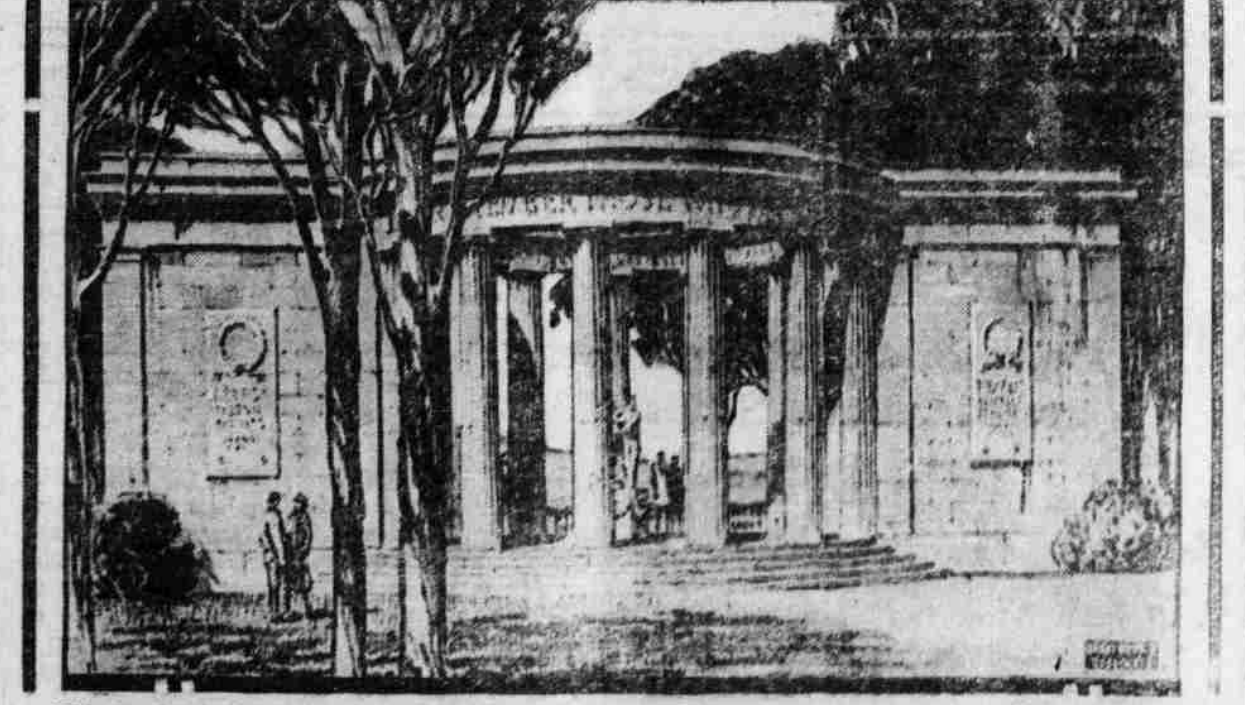
Portland had no opposition for the convention. All of the larger cities have entertained the legionnaires and the smaller cities were not desirous of the meeting because of the size of the convention and the expense involved.

The drum corps contest was won by Salem, with Bend second and Portland third.

## Lumber Rate from Northwest Cut.

Washington, D. C.—Shippers in Washington and Oregon are entitled to the same rates on lumber sent to points on the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie railroad in Montana, Minnesota and the Dakotas that they are given to points in the same territory, but on other railroads, it was held by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

## Chapel for American Cemetery at Thiaucourt



This is the design for the memorial chapel to be erected in the American cemetery at Thiaucourt, France, where many doughboys lie buried. The design is by Thomas H. Elliott.